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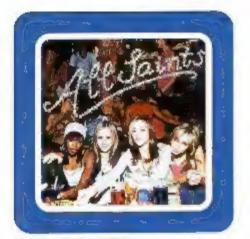












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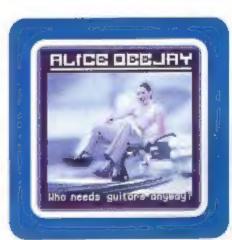
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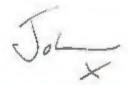
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Hello!

Happy New Year! Even though 2001 is now ten days old, we've got enough fun in this issue to last you until 2002. All the big stars and the new bands tell

you what they're up to this year, and there's more backstage stuff than ever before. Backstage at the Smash Hits Tour, backstage at the Poll Winners' Party and, just for fun, backstage at Record Of The Year, too. When we say we take you behind the scenes, we mean it! Plus, corkin' posters, a funky photo album and a review of all the hits and haircuts of the last year. See you in two weeks,



Poll Wanners' Party

All the goss and goings-

on at the biggest bash

of the year!



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We hang out with Westlife as they scoop Record Of The Year. Again.

The guys' fingernalis wore bitten to non-existence as they beat off Robbie (second), S Club 7 and

Ronan in the closest contest yet. Only one mag spant the whole night with 'em and here's what happened...

7.50pm Record Of The Year starts.
Samenthe Mumba fliss in from
Detroit to open the show, singing
Gotta Tall You, S Club 7. Westfife
(In grey suits), Spiller, Gabrielle,
Ronan, Craig David and Robble
(both via video), All Saints and
Sonique (who's brought some v.
strange dancers) perform. Richard
and Judy are in the crowd. Viewers
have an hour to vote for the winner.

9.05pm We say, "Hi" to Samantha Mumbe (currently No1 in the US sales chart), who tells us she's just bought her mum a diamond ring for Crimbo.

9.30pm We go to Westlife's dressing room, where Mark is chilling by the couch and Bryan and Nicky are playing FIFA 2001 on the PlayStation, Kian takes over from Bry, and they've chosen to play Manchester United. "They're the best team," Ki explains. Smash Hits breaks our camera and Kian tries to help us fix it. Tour manager Anto (the 'Life's sixth member) says, "Boys, don't leave it 'til the lest minute as you always do, Get changed!" But Shane's gone missing.

D.45pm Shane goes to chat with Ronan, who's also biting his nails. Ro's hanging with a heavily-pregnant. Yvonne and they chat about who'll win. Both former withers ~ Ronan won with Boyzone in '98 ~ Shane says, "I don't think we'll win again!"

10pm Last year's winners perform, so Wastlife (now in white suits) sing Christmas single My Girl. Voting is announced. Westlife shiver in a comer, and Paul punches the table in delight as S Club take an early lead. As Westlife edge to victory, they hug

Ronan and run on to perform, Shane and Gryan pull lots of faces off camera, as they run through My Love.

10.30pm Brad, Je and Rachel 7 are the first to hug Mark and Nicky after the result, as all the guys go on to the aftershow party. Kerry turns up to say wall done to Bryen. Shane tells SH he's v. rervous about the Most Fanciable Male result the next day. "It's the one award I really want." he says.

2am The boys (minus Bryan, who's gone to bed) go on to a private room at the ultraswank Red Cube nightclub. Nicky now has a Santa hat on and paparazzi "hose down" the guys as they enter the club, Shane and Kian chart to My Love songwriter Pet, and Nicky meats Darren Big Brother. "We stopped rehearing to watch the last show," laughs Nicky. They both chuckle about the fact Darren sang Flying Without Wings in the house.

4am Everyone goes to bed. At last.







holo Mission





January



gets his mum to save It for him.



A./ Backspiels celebrates his 22nd birthday by playing a kolo bib as his rockin' alter ego

Johnny No Neme.

- The hair world mourns as Pineapple 'N Syno toses his spiky 'do and becomes plain Chris. His hair 'heads' off for a solo career. but they remain on good terms despite rumaurs of musical differences.
- Point Break cause a rlot at an HMV signing after fisticulfs break out between two fans.
- Rumours that 911 are about to split are denied. They later turn put to be true.
- Bobak says goodbye to Another Level. leaving just Mark and Dane.



WESTLIFE WATCH

Westlife start the year with a trip to America. doing shows for music bosses in New York and Los Angeles. The boys blow 'em away with en a capella version of Flying Without Wings, but Mark is concerned he's missing out on Smash Hits so he

THE DIG CHOOMS \$ Club 7

Two In A Million Manie Street Preachers The Masses Against The Classes

Britney Spears Born To Make You Happy

DJ Luck & MC Neat A Little Bit of Luck

Donnell Jones feat. Lisa 'Left Eye' Lopes You Know What's Up

THE QUOTES ring anytime" -

"If I'm at an airport and I don't feel like smiling, I just put my hat on and hide" Britney Spears

> (Fernitually long hair gets annoying and you have to chap it off" -Isaac Hanson

"I'm just looking for a serious relationship. Fd love a girl I could Shane Westiffe

"We want feeds of expensive stuff, robots and light expiosions!" - Abs Five on their four plans

ei HP (like my little brother and Lee's like my big brother"-Claire Steps



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All Saints are

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glamorous, er, Norfolk

· at meet Mariah

Carey. Mark is the

it's been his dream

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training subject to

all the boybands."

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mammal mates.

to each other.

Planet Pop. "We're

back to save you from

Yorick Venge admits

to a previous career as

says he still misses his

· B-Rok** and Kevin

by getting engaged. Not

Britney and Christina

are fighting over Prince

B\$8 start off the year

Are rumours that

William true? Er,

probably not.

a dolphin-frainer and

he was 12

loving warbler since

most pervous as

"H used to get sick on their tour bus almost overy day when we were touring

"I once wanted to become a secretary because I thought that they were oute -I'm actually still learning to type!" -Christina Aguilers

Was a Madernia fen, but then she made some disparaging comments about me that were totally unprovoked" - Mariah Carey

My family and I est around the radio, listoning to the Top 40, and my mum gracked open the champagne" -Gabrielle on getting to No1 with Rise

who wants to record a duet with them. Wonder if that will happen ...

THE DIG CHOOMS



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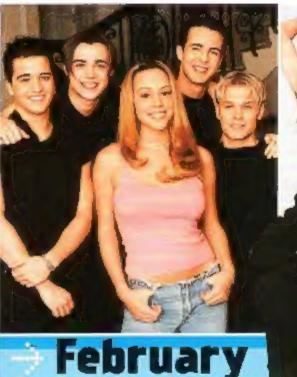
Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely

Glorique

WESTLIFE WATCH

The boys are busy in America, and they seem to have caught the eye of Mariah Carey





THE QUOTES

togothor" - Britney

Jamella Money



Andreas Johnson





March

- Planet Pap has one of the toppermost nights out of the year at the Brit Awards, Five win Bast Pop Act and steal the show performing with Queen. Geri does a spot of saucy pole-dancing with her dog Harry in a shopping trolley. Spice Girls get Outstanding Achievement Award and crazy Macy Gray outablishes herself as a total loon.
- A rumoured ruck breaks out between J Five and Lee Steps, and Ritchie tries to calm proceedings with a Jerry Springerlike, "Live and let live."
- Britney makes a guest appearance in an appace of The Simpsons.
 Meanwhile, J is spotted anogging
 Met C at a Brits aftershow party and starts atoppin' out with her. "We're not getting married," he insists.
- Hanson unveil their new hair and tell us they're "a bit more rock'n'roll."



- Britney-loving Justin 'N Sync is spotted in the back of a taxi with Nicole All Salot
- e Deutiny's Child start their first memberswapping frenzy as LaToys and LaTovia leave the band. They're quickly replaced by new girls Farrah and Michelle.
- Lolly goes Latino with Par Sernore Amore, Arrival
- Faye Steps, Atomic Kitten and at are among the stars to turn out for the swanky The Beach premiere.
- Blink 182 strip off and pay 'tribute' to 888 in their All The Small Things video.

WESTLIFE WATCH

Bryan Westlife takes Smash Hirs out on a lantasy date - and offers to take us to meet his nan.

THE BIG CHOOMS

Kelle Caught Out There

Blink 182 All The Sinali Things

Geri Bag It Up

Madonna American Pie

Craig David Fill Me In

Artful Dodger feet. Romine Johnson Movin' Too Fast

THE QUOTES

"I wouldn't ge naked, but if someone asked me to wear a little bikini top and hotpants I thick I'd do it" -Kesvy B&Witched

"If we don't get chucked out of somewhere at least once a day, there's definitely something wrong" - Tash Kitten

"I envy Westlife!
I wish I was just
like them! In fact
I want to be Shane,
or whatever his
name is" - Sem Five

"Fm a bloke, so of course I wear underwear for more than one day in a row" - Paul a1

boybands could lick our butts because there are five of them and only three of us!" – Mark Bink 182



Steps dress in rubber for Deoper Shade Of Blue

 One of the biggest phenomena of 2000 springs up in the shape of Craig David's hat it appears in his Fill Me In video, even though he's indoors and clearly wor't leef the benefit when he goes out in the cold. It's part of me!" he says. "I om wearing it indoors in my video - but I don't wear it all the time though, it keeps the warmth in - you lose a lot of heat through your hoad. And mine gets cold in the winter

- Stephen Gately returns to Planet Pop huzzahl
- Five's tour is a huge success and Scott even smiles! He's probably just got wind.
- The word "Thongth-Ihong-thong-thong" is invented.

WESTLIFE WATCH

Westlife play down their pop fight with Five, but then rumours (fater denied) fly that they've called Mal C "ugly"



THE QUOTES

"A round, firm

one and if

you've got stretch

Sisgó on his preferred

"I fike the

thought that

something I'm

marks, make-up

ie our friend!"

Brong-filling.

eating used to wag!"
- Brest Point Bresk

"I take my boys to the park, play round the house, throw a ball or just play with the dogs" - Putly on being a Daddy

good at arm-wrestling? -

Meanwhile, they get a fifth number one with Fool Again.

THE DIG CHOOMS

Mel C Never Se The Same Again

Tore's Mirarle

Richard Ashcroft A Song For

The Lovers
Sisqo Thong
Sono

Song Jessica Simpson

Jessica Simpso | Wanna Love | You Forever

Sweet Female Attitude Flowers





REVIEW OF YEAR 2000









May



Puff Daddy
pays a flying visit
to the UK.

S Club 7 get caught up in a massive food fight on the SH cover.

 Mandy Moore is the latest blonde American popater bidding for Britneysized stardom.

 Ritchie and Billie spirt - and so does Billie's bra when she accidentally flashes her knockers during a particularly energetic parformance.



Robble's feam wins the Socoer Six Cup for the second year, beating Five, Northern

heating Five. Northern Line and a load of telly people.

• Britney Robbie



Gori, Stophen Gately and All Saints head to the awanky Capital FM London Awards.

WESTLIFE WATCH

Mark has a skinhead! He shuns swanky

hairdressers and has his head shaved by a Spanish barber for £2.50.

THE BIG CHOOMS



Tom Jones & Mousse Y Sex Bomb

Madison Avenue Don't Call Me Baby

Billie Piper Day And Night

Britney Oops I Did It Appin



THE QUOTES

"J hates
people saying
nasty things
about me. If he
heard someone
being nasty ha'd
probably hit
'ans!" - Mei C

"I've got me own jukebox now, it's fantastic" -H Steps "I'm a good chopper" -Stephen Gately

"I would ban the playing of speed garage in clubs" -Paul at

"Bryan can't even heat up beans without burning them" -Kian Westifie

"I'm so single it's scary!" -Christina Aguilera

June



 Ronan opens a new HMV store in London (in snakeskin trousers) and causes a riot.

Robbie gets
splattered in paint as
Peosi poster boy



 Steps head off to Rome to film the vid for When I Said Goodbye.

 Oxide & Neutrino come from nowhere and shout, "Would everyone stop getting shot?" on Bound 4 Da Reload. They firm a vid in their lounge and go to Not.

 Societies's R Feets So Good is the only song to spend three weeks at number one this year!

 J & Mel C are spotted together in public.

 Fram Travis gets stuck in a glant egg in their Coming Around video. The boys then bring the sun out at Glastonbars:



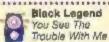
Ritchie Five cheats death in a car accident.

◆ Yowsers! Ronan unleashes those trousers. (The flowery ones – Fashion Ed)

WESTLIFE WATCH

Weetlife play huge outdoor shows all over America and they get to hang out with Destiny's Child, Lina 'Left Eye' Lopes and Mandy Moore,

THE BIG CHOOMS



Richard Blackwood Mania - Who De Man?

Mary Mary Shackles

S Club 7 Reach Pink There You Go

Stephen Gately New Beginning

Damage Ghetto Romance

Derude Sandstorm

THE QUOTES

"Justin 'N Syno came up to me in a hotel, with Britney Spears, and he was nice, I just didn't know who he wast" - Jon Bon Jovi

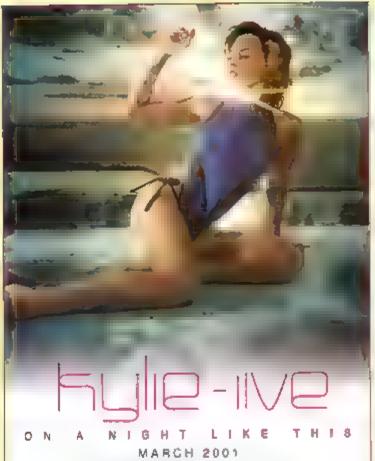
"We do pole vault, 100m, triple jump and long jump, 10,000m la a killer!" - Fran on Travis tour bus antics

I'd like to shoot N Synon - J Five

We think toilet humour's funny!
That goes down well all round the world - except Germany" - Mark Blink 182

or your gloots" - Paul 7





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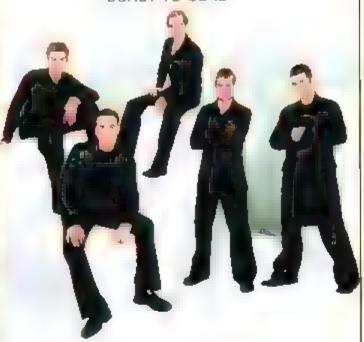
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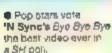


August

 The biggest chart battle of the summer. Kicks off when True Stoppers, Dans and Viotoria Beckham's Out Of Your Mind goes head to head with an unknown dance chadn. Spiller and Sophio Eltis-Bextor's Groovejet (If This Ain't Love, "I won't be beaten by a dog food," says Posh, who tours the country signing copies of her single before Spiller plorms to No1

- Poul at Daphne & Columbo and a whole load of fans flock to Landon's trendy Astoria to see the Bloodhound Gang, who round off their gig by being sick or each other. Hurraht
- Popsters fall on hard limes. Bucketreet Boye get hard up for cash and get Saturday jobs at Burger King White Stops reveal their plans to return to Butlins for a gld.
- Daphne & Celeste brave the Reading Festival and get bottles pasta and shoos thrown at them by naughty Indle fans.





- S Club 7 go ali deserì siand sultry in their Natural vid and 'N Sync unveil their puppertestic It's Gorine Be Me
- a1 come back with their mazin Take On Me video.
- Robbie Williams causes a stir on his tour of Austraka

WILDSLIFE WATER

it's Shana s 21st birthday an DJ Bryan is on 21st birthday and the decks the boys are up partying until 4am. Nieky kidnaps Mark's tedty bear blindfolding it. "Mark was a bit freeked-out.



but we had a laugh said Nicky.

THE BIE CHOOMS



Jenet Jackson Doesn't Really Мапел

Lonyo Summer Of Love

Spiller Groovejer (If This Air 7 Love)

True Steppers and Dane Bowers feat. Victoria Bockham Out Of Your Mind

Melanie C / Turn To You

Bomfunk MCs Freestyler

THE QUOTES

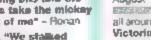
*The only gripe I've got with southwreers is that they don't do chips with gravy" , Five

ena elesO" very moody, aren't they? But I'd beat them in a water fight with my Super Soakers Lolly

T'm always singing the wrong bits and the leds take the mickey out of me" - Honan

Wostlife Wostlife because we liked them for a while, but we're over the infatuation period now" - Celeste

to be a butterily n a former life" Craig David



"I think I used





 'N Sync get their first avec SH caver but refuse to four Britain because they reckon they don't have any fans over here

- Stipknot make a right show of their selves in front of Marilyn Manson when they have a frod light at the Kerrangi Awards
- Disco diva Kyllo Minogue comes clean about her love for \$ Club 7
- Eive deny ongoing. rumours that they re spiriting up after cutting short a promotional tour of south-east Asia II turns out the boys are all exhausted.
- After spending August fworking all around the country. Victorio Beckham s Roored by a bout of meningitis.
- S Glub 7 join Tess and Dane, opening the first show of Smash Hits TV

WESTLIFE WATCH

Kian gets his top off for line cover of Smash Hits. Tid only do this for Smash Hits," he says, despite being inundated with saucy offers afterwards.





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THE BIS CHOOMS

Observed the same MUSIC Modjo Lady (Hear Me Torright)

a1 Take On Ma

All Burries Black Coffee

Mariah Carey feet. Westlife Agamst All Odds

Sugababes Overload

U2 Beautiful Day

Wyclef Jean # Opean't Matter

Zomble Nation Kemeralt 40L



THE OUDTES

"We don't have any fans in the UK! You don't love ual" - Joby 'N Sync

I don't have a girifriend at the moment, but suppose I am looking, A bit" -Aaron Carter

"I've had boys coming up and asking me for a kiss and a cuddle nothing major. Not compared to what

girls ask the boys, erryway!" - Rachel 7

"I watch Teletubbies and Pingu with Phoenix, I rarely get to watch proper TV" Me B

"One girl sent me a photo of hersalf with averything out there. She was completely naked!" Pichard Biackwood

"A lot of people think I'm a man-hater but I'm really not? Pink





October



• i.lsa Steps hair turns blue for the Stomp, video

 It's on: Britney. confesses her love for Justin N Sync

 Apliyah. N Syno and Entinem win big at the MTV Awards.

• Samortha Mumba storms into the American charts with Gotta Fall You

 Pop products this month include 8 Club 7 doilles and Chris 'N Syna's clothing range.

 Vengaboys conless their desire to do a concert in the bufft

 Steps po punk for the SH cover

 AJ Backstreet hondurs his dog with a new tattop. For him not the dog of course. That would be crue.

WESTLIFE WATCH

Bryan Westlife and Kerry Kitten talk to SH about hoir romance "He's changed my Ilfe."





says Kerry, "Our relationship is the most solid thing in rtry life." says Bryan The boys tell SH what Marinh Carey was really like. "We had dinner" save Nicky She came into the restaurant with about 90 million security guards



in a long, black dress looking a million dollars Then we went on a bout trip the next day.

THE BIE CHOOMS



Architechs Body Groove

Spice Girls Holler

OR PERSONAL PROPERTY. Bridy II Body

Emission The Way I Am Steps Stompi

BSB Shape Of My Heart Martine McCutcheon I'm Over You

Baka Men Who Let The Dogs Out?

THE QUOTES

"I'm definitely not leaving the band* Faye Steps

"I like golf I used to play it a Nicole All Saint loti"

"Lee's a good mate of mine. but I don't bother getting involved

when J starts stagging film off Ritches Five

^el always help 100 across the read* -Mark Westlife

"I've just had a phone bill for £681 and most of it was text messages" Mark at







 Britney comes to Balam with her duge arena shows and 0 000 costume changes

 Je 7 and Fran Travis get engaged. Not to each other though

 H sticks his finger in a plug socket - and gets a new spiky hairdo

 A teenager's plot to inil 'N Symb is folled

 Kerry Kitten is floored by extraustion

 Trouble for Destiny's Child as Reyonce loses her voice and Kelle breaks biro toss

• Moole All Saint in expecting Llam Gadlagher's baby

WESTLIFE WATCH

Spice Qirls and Westiffe release albums on the same day and Westiffe go straight to No?

The boys blast off info space on the most hitech SH cover ever

THE BIG CHOOMS



LeAnn Rimes Can'l Fight The Moanlight

a1 Same Old Brand Now You

Destiny's Child independent Women Part One

6 Club 7 Never Had

Ricky Martin She Banos

West He My Love

A Droam Come Truo

Doft Punk One More Dine

THE DUOTES

"Jon's the Tomantic one. The girls seem to Rko him* - Bradley 7

My mate works at a fire station, ap I often pap in to see her 'cos I love firemen" Samardina Mumba

"Nicky doesn't care at all - he'll drop his trousers anywhoreth - Kian Watefiller

omewhere and "I'd like a tattoo really personal" Victoria Spice

"Me and my inends flew to different planets -"lananad a no Hannah 7's dreams





It's the month of the Smash Hits Tour, Poll Winners' Party and loads more. To find out all the gossip, turn to page 22...



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Christian al: an appeal

Help him find love!

past twelve months, Christian el has confessed to SHITSTING fancies Britney, Jessics the SiClub

girls. Claire Steps, Beyoncé Deskiny's Child, Kylle Jodkand Linz GT Lindsay B+Winched Caprice алд Пасплет Воогог

among (many others He says "filke girts, loan" holp " He even buys psychology books to chat up aydeez

We dilike to appeal to all terrale pop state to offer their hands in marriage so that young Christian can serile down. The benoti you go to be married to a member of all Tito drawback you have to be called Mrs. ngobritson (No offence. Chestian's mum - Ed)

It brought a fear to my dye knowing people are behind its. SM readers are the nicest. They re genuine people "MY FAVOURITE STAN"



Pop's finest pairing Bryan and

kerry caused a six at the last

Stan Lauret

"Hen, heh, heki Thie euy crache me op. He's fonny se '9'7"

Stan Ogden

"You know that creay show, Coronation Street? Well, this dude sure 87***

Stan Collymore

"Don't get me started. I've naver seen such a En'i'ling piece of a' ''ling E''?"." [Wash your mouth out or you're Bred Ed]

WATCH OUT FOR ...







Ronan played a mazin gig on Heart 106.2FM for five competinor winners and Smash Hits. Ro performed five of his best songs, including Life is 4 Roderchaster and When You Say

it was broadcast live on

the web



Keeth Duffy did his bill for charky when he presented the Macmillan Cancer Relief Celebrity Macmilian Cancer Hatter Cerebrity
Christmas Stocking Austrian with
Obring Air at The Savoy Bathroom. He
did a critism job of getting people to
part with their cash – Poets and
Socks list of presents went for
section at Spirits' Maryla Appleton's E4 200 All Saints' Nicola Appleton's for £2 500 and Keith's stocking letched a whopping \$7,000!



Ritchie Neville has simed at work outside of Five when we caught up with him recently Aside from the new Five single (due in April), Ritcine might have something up his sleave which doesn't involve the other guys, "I hope mudic brid, rud storms the charts in every country in thi world." he said

And on a more personal level I'm going to try to be the best person I can be. got my plans for next year but I'm not willing to reveal them yet. You'll all find out. "Tv presenting? A solo deal? Becoming a milluman? Altichie hex promised he'll let us (and you) know first



that long-awaited duet of theirs.

The pop brothers were caught

bestin' some pretty fly moves

that's all a complete lie. Now,

fell the truth, please Ed). Oh

just fooling around at the recent

yeah all right, then. They're

Billboard Awards in America.

where Sisgo proked up six

awards and Destuny's Child

won Arbsis Of The Year.

exclusively by our snapper

at a socret dance studio in.

Actually, I think you'll list!

Fan-tastic

why have Steps, et stepped back in time in the vid for it's The Way You Make Me Fee!? "We wanted to do something different - not just a norma, dance routine," explains Lisa. "We ve got ar 18th century theme with period clothes and fand. I actually had quite a bit of experience with tans anyway cos was a beauty queen years ago

and we always p used them! The July are a deb hand al them now but not the boys. We all designed our own coatumes so they add fit with our personalities as well,"





Hot!mail



of them and they made it to

You've helped at to two Note.

But don't take Like A Rose too

literally, otherwise Ben would

My avaigand are bolreve it or not

the aesi band ever They are cool

on the 11? None of my friends Illao them they like Green Day Corey

I love Slipknot - I've hung out

with Chris and Shawn before at

BLACK AND WHITE AND

Apa k labar (how are you)? In: Aflz

from Malaysia - ve beer reading your magazine for a long time and

rently think hat you guys do a very

the Kerrang! Awards. And Marilyn

write great songs and can play heir

Knot is a great singer, so don't give

havarrients. So why not do a feature

Slipknot, Why do you never print anything about them? I think they are

the Top Ten A1 Fan, Preston

stand in soil all day

SLIPKNOT ARE

THE BEST!

them hassle. OK

Steph, Scottand

Manson, So there.

READ ALL OVER!

Dear John

Fancy finding a Pop Penpal? Wanna swop gossip and posters? Get scribbling to Pop Penpals at the normal Smash Hits address on page 62

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If you is 11-14 and med about Westife, at and Five, get scribblings want pangals from all around the world!

280 FODTBALL CRAZY
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art the world's piggest Five ten also tike Westlife, of one Black 162 If you're 13-14 and like wrestling and basketball, get writing soon Amy 13, Bromograve

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The hottest letter this fortnight is...

IT'S NOT CARD TO LOVE SMASH HITS!

I have to say how much I unjoy reading Smash Hirs. II has gossip. secrets about famous people, photos of my layourite bands and Songword Cards Unlike the other mags where the songwords are made out of paper. Smash Hits' are made out of card! John, I have been collecting Smeath Hits for about four years now. and I road the mag all in one day. I've got enhanced CDs and a CD-Romt have a room full of posters and a box full of your free grits including

'H LOOKS NOTHING

LIKE HIS DOLL!

complain about the new

H Steps doll, It doesn't

fook snything like him!

(i) he is always smiling

(iii) he never wears

By the way, I like the

Five's No1 Fan, 13,

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h m. You should

SM photoshoots.

steeved-up. - maybe

waxwork at Madame

Tuesduds and have it

gilence? Also in the November 1

izds who started on Byker Grove.

then formed a band and who are

so funny remind me of a certain

couple of SM:tv presenters, It's

not Five or BSB they are trying

to be lit's Ant and Dec. Also

please stop all the 'N Sync/

BSB fighting, because deep

are better than both of those

Actually, Point Break are quite different from A&D. For a start,

how many PB videos feature

down we all know Westitle

bands put together Amx. South Winal

Wonky Donkey?

he'll be like Kylie's

changed in a few

years' time

miss.

Straight faced,

see H when he's not at

now Smash Hits look.

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Dear John.

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CD nangers wallets you hame if we got if I've also collected about 310 Songword Cards Lynsey 12 Sydenham

Oh, just for starting a new year as a massive SH fan, have the £25 star ortze. Anv more hardcore Smash Hifters out Unare?



Dear John

S Club 7 haven I got any talent. He watched SACTV with me this Forming as the has hum his legand now he has paten his words: Hannah was on SM:/v and she was so funny and now I can have some peace as he thought Hannah was brill and very talented. I won and he is now going to buy me their new CD Megan, S Club 7 Fan

Dada, eh? Mine doosn't even know how meny members there

at DINT MAKE SENTE

I was listening to Same Old Brand New You (a1), is it me or does that not make sense? It goes, "You're the same old brand new you". So you're the same but one second later you're brand new. Apart from that it is a fantastic song! And Billie Piper's Something Deep Inside goes, "Can't feel but I can touch." Don't feet and touch mean the same? Even though they don't make sense

DADS: A MOAN. Part 9867

My dad keeps winding me up saying

are in S Club 7. Or Pive...

THE TOP TEN GIRLS IN POPI

Dear John

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my plank and

white issue of

That's cool,

Keep those

home-made

Smash Hits

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Tenma

in a recent issue you asked us to send you in our top ten girls. Here's mine

1 Britney Spears

2 Christina Agultera 3 Billie

4 Natasha Kitten 5 Rachel 7

6 Наппан 7 Lisa Steps

8 Samantha Mumba 9 Kerry Kitten

18 T na 7

Can I also say that Smash Hits is I'naver bits insillind ylefuloads missed a copy of it for years Steven, Ayrshire

Thanks, Steven, I agree with a lot of your top ton but where are Faye and Claire? Keep those top tens rolling in...







Just for Steph in Scotland (see below), here I am with Chris Stipknot Send your rants, gossip, jokes, snaps, doodles etc. to: Dear John Smash Hits Letters Page Mappin House. A Winstey Street London WTW BMF. Email us at: sh.hotlmail@emap.com If your letter's printed you get a Smash Hits pen and the best letter gets £251





Dear John

must just thank everyone at Smesh Hits for the 'sbulous, exciting, wonderful mousement you gave swey free. chose the one with the gargeous Graig Bavid, Ronan and Five on. I don't know why because, don't have a computer therefore a mousement would be useless to me Please could you send me the £25 to help me start my computer money saving! Plantmars, Surrey

You started by saying thanks. I was thinking about giving you the Star Letter. Then you spoilt it by asking for money. D'ah!

I LOVE ROCK 'N' GROHL

Dear John

was sickened to see that in your November 15 issue you altempted to dies Dave Grohl. How dare you! I am so angry as this is a man who has more talent in his little toe then any of the acts you have in your magazine. (Steady – John) He is not only an awasome drummer he now fronts the bast band around – The Foo Fighters. He writes all his songs, produces, directs his videos, plays base and

lead guitar and is also gorgoous and cares for his tans. More than you can say about Steps or Five. And then you tried to diss Bon Jov! for saying the truth about that terrible group Steps. Walse up teenies! Real music lies in talented bands like The Foo Fighters and Bon Jovi, not the band who has an ennoying member called H. Smesh Hits get your facts right! Angry Dave Grobi fan, Hereford I think it's a bit untain of you to sing off Steps and Five for not caring about tens. But there's room for everyone on Planet Pop we've been to Daphne & Celesta ANO Jon Bon Jovi's



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150 BSS v 'N Sync Stopl
The war is over!

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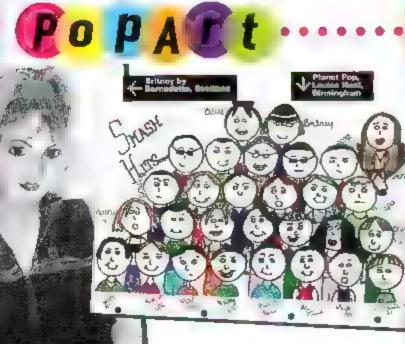
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1) Corrs Stuff

The Corrs are on tour and we have a pair of tickets for one winner to see them at Manchester Evening News Arena on January 28. Five runners-upget pivideo, special edition album and sweatshirt



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2 The Beach Videos

Twentially Century Fox Home Entertainment have released the fantastic film, The Beach starting Leongrae DiCeprio, on video and OVD and we've got ten copies to give away.



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The Beach Videos! Smash Itis, PO Box 57 Peterborough PE4 SHB

3 Gift Games

Cryo have bought out a feb new game for the GameBoy called *Gift*, about a cheeky little hero and He wild adventures. We ve got three games to give away glong will three GameBoy Color consoles.



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4 Kylie Bags & Albums

We've managed to get dur hands on these exclusive, trendy Kylic bags and we've got five to give gway ainmr with Kylie's Filits * album, a must for all Kylie fans out there.



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5) Clubber's Guide Albums

The Clubber's Guide to 2001 out on Jenuary 15, has got more than 40 pumping dance choose to set the pace for the New Year and we've got 20 copies to give away along with some T-shirts



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Spice Girls Stuff

We've got the ultimate prize for Spice Girls fansfunky Holler and Let Love Lead The Way tops, plus copies of the Holler single and album Forever to give away to five lucky winners.



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SATURDAY

QRITH Rehearsals start when all arrive to rehearse on their highwires for their flying routine. "Will've been up since six and we've got to rush off to CO-UK. We've got loads of dencers." says Paul with a saucy glint in his eye. Tim, at (and Steps!) manager directs them – he used to produce the PWP back in the mists of time.

2 PM Richard Blackwood and Louise are sharing a dressing room. Does Jame know?

2.30 P.M. Steps arrive, minus H. He has a cold, and they sent him frome after CD:UK. Claire is about to reveal her shocking new do – 8's rad!

3PM Five enrive, and are playing with he electric roof of their far by new sports car. "Its that yours?" we ask J, as he says, "No. It's that tash gif's over there," pointing at Scott.

4.P.M. Also meanwhile boasts, "I must be the only person in the areas who could go swimming right now," as he shows us swimming tranks under he jeans Judging from Kylle a undersise dancers, rehearing nearby, he's not right

4.15PM Ritchie is washing his heir for a photoshoot when his press officer walks in on the shower and quickly out again.

4 30PM The Five boys show for a SH photoshoot in their white loke stage outfits. They are vikeen to stress this is for one show only.

5 PM Lee shows us his latest knew (njury, remarkably not mororbike-related. "I did it on stage the other right during Setter The Devil in front of however many thousand people. I was just going leating and then crunch Luckily if was near the end of the song, so I hobbied off stage, the guys didn't know so they were doing the intro for the next song while was trying to stretch my keg and get some soo on it. The show must go on

6 Pm Pop stars are trapped in the building, as there's a bomb scare.



But Christian. you didn't need to buy



t 6 t STE DG What are you wearing Were all o spatkly outilits.

Tengas/Dave Hogan/Forn Howard/Mission

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POLL WINNERS' PARTY, READ ON...

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All right then, who are you looking forward to seeing?

forward to seeing? suppose Bryan Westide He's a good ad. Where's The May?
He's not coming the's very husy Hars probably busy somewhon' #48

BRYAN WESTLIF€ How much did your outfit cost?

If dir icluss me anything made i myself laewed or ell he slare!

Who would you like to snog at the party?
My girthend, every of course.





chatting 'bout bab-as

10 45 MM Darron Garden enters the dressing room he's sharing with All Satints to find Mel's Lilyella playing with his bag

.L15PM Ronan walks into artist catering and spots someone in a baseball cap, "Pop star!" he screams pointing, before popping over to give Shaznay (for his she) a hug.

.1 45AM Darren Garden admits he fancies Kylle.

MIDDRY Renam get very exciled when he introduced his tour manager Mark's daugitter Esme to Tina 7 "She loves you," Ting is fold by Ro' who growns to us, "Next my face these days," she means. "What will happen when I get really big?

I 20PM Cheyne Medican Avenue is womied about her outfit. She pareded around in a full-length white winter coat. "Do you think I look like a dirty old flasher in this? she kept asking us. We point out that Kylie's cancers might appreciate 4.

▲ 30 PM New boys Real that to old-hand, Rogan

1.45 PM Shane and Nicky Westlife have been out 'lil 4am and Kian is on the phone to a newspaper. He's not happy. "It's a

"I have to tie my jacket round my waist loos had these jeans and thought "dicut the waisiband off and make it into a phoker But now when walk they fall down and you can see the crack in my burnt

2 45PM Jo 7 saw the picture of Paul 7 dressed as Glebiator and gald: "I want that in a frame to put up in my room!"

2 50PM Just before ourlain up, we present West ife with special covers in honour of their schievements. They're vinervous.

2 59PM Hey It's showtime



wearing? variations of ciothes, It's our SHOWN

How much did

haven" got a clue but they're nice clothes and heights loans are all suede so expect they were expensive. Who let the doos out?

(Laughs) didn't, but I normally do levely high before, go to bed, so she

Who do you wanna anog at the party? Och Naia a Gessidy irom EastEndors shing ity neste

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REDGRAVE Are your children watching? File go' | ਸ਼ਾਂਦਰ, but Insylve ਦੀ ਤੁਆਰਾਜ਼ਸਤ੍ਰ

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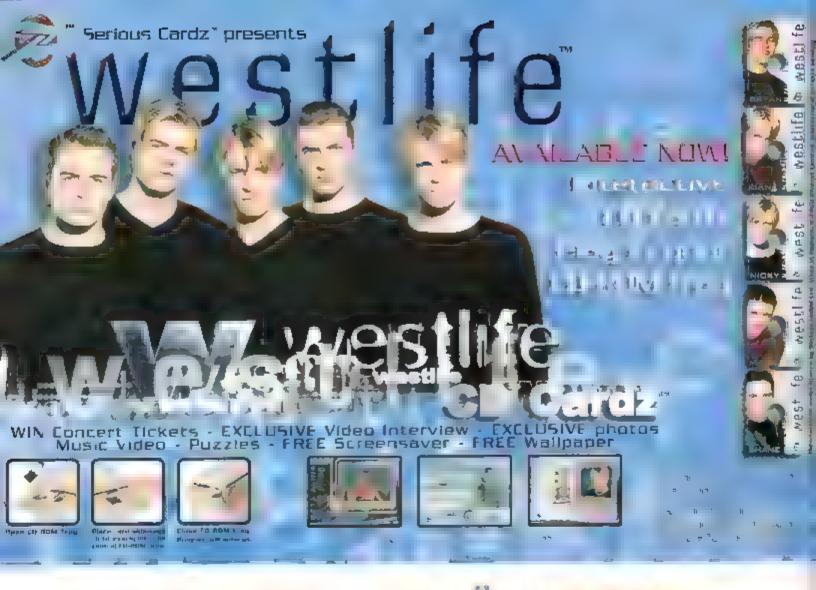


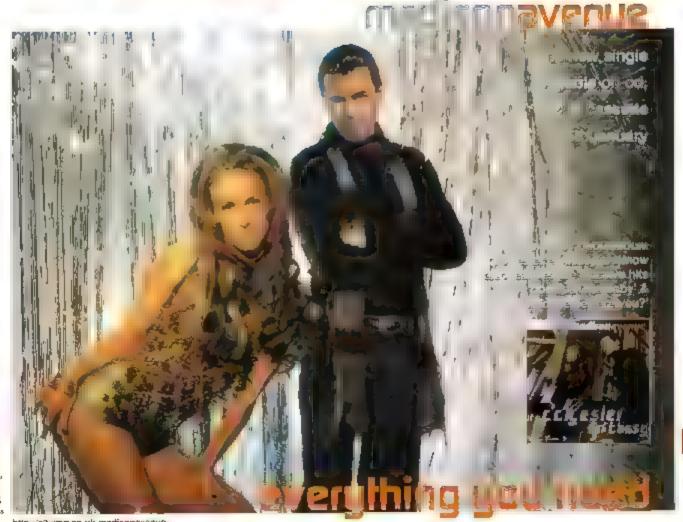
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It cost? About 50p we spent so much money on the llying Who let the dogs out? had to kick a couple

out actually Who d'you wanns snog? don't even know who's going. (Kylie walks past)







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TOUR 2000 IN ASSOCIATION WITH TROUBLE (T)

Westlife, al,
Atomic Kitten,
Samantha
Mumba, Point
Break and
loads more
star in the
round-up
of all the
juicy gossip...

Picture Tem Howard/Honosh Saker



Day one - we're off to Cardiff!

9am

The SH bus is off New band B-Factor are on board as they've just flown in from America and have managed to scrounge a lift.

Zpm

Hard men of pop Keith and Shane spread joy by handing out jollies to everyone on the way to Caratif Arena. Keith is nowly shorn after a trip to Shane's their salon on the bus. He chopped a jump out of the back of his hair and had to shave the lot off.

3pm

It's the first day of the SH Tour and there's rehearsing to be done. Atomic Kitter are in the front row of the audience, but Kerry's all wrapped up. "Don't come too close, I've got flu," she warns. That doesn't stop her flashing her new Winnie The Pooh taitoo, something that she'll repeat throughout the Tour. Billie's keeping a row profile, and she's embarrassed to hear she's about to pick up a Seviest Pop Star Award from BBC Wales. She's distracted by the sight of several pop giries admit taking a fancy to their rapper. Raymond.

5.30pm

A spot of bother in the artists' catering room, when dinner is interrupted by pop star vandalism. One of Bornfunk MCs' dancers smeshes a hole in the wall while trying to walk up it to do a faricy flip.

6.30pm

Gir Thing are in the building! They've just flown in from Australia in the morning, especially for the Tour. Anika a feeling a bit woozy because she was hit on the head by a big light while filming their video out there

7pm

With half an hour to go "til showtine. Cheyne Medison Avenue still hasn't decided what to wear for lovight's performance. She ignores SH's warning about it being hippy out and opts for a bun-being shimpy number. "I know we altracted a lot of attention with our outlits." ahe aughs. "But technically we are fully covered."

7.30pm

The crowds going mad, the lights go down and the show begins

Later

Show's over and now it's time to party Point Break, Ben, Mark and Christian a1, Nikki GT. Ortis, various members of Boom and B-Factor and of course Kelth and Shane are up until 3.30am. at and Point Greak jead the singalong with Hey Jude Fame, Angels and Take On Me. except they abandon it halfway through because everyone has a bit of trouble reaching the high notes. A ruck nearly idoks off when Shane comes over during Baby Can I Hold You? "Are you starting comething?" he sneers to the trembling boyband wusses, before laughing, "Nah. I'm just buzzing you!" Haha, er, ha. Time for bed then.

BEST BIT OF THE DAY

The loudest screams of the night come when Semantha Mumba's ten-year-old brother Omaro joins her on stage. He's like the Mini-Me of Sasqo, joining in with her dance toutine, then waving to the crowd until their cheers are dealering.

WEDNESDAY







says. The dirty stopout The evening draws to a close at about 5am.

Girt Thing unrall their

FRIDAY

Point Break's kilts, parvy antics and panic in Glasgow

having such a good lime. ve been up

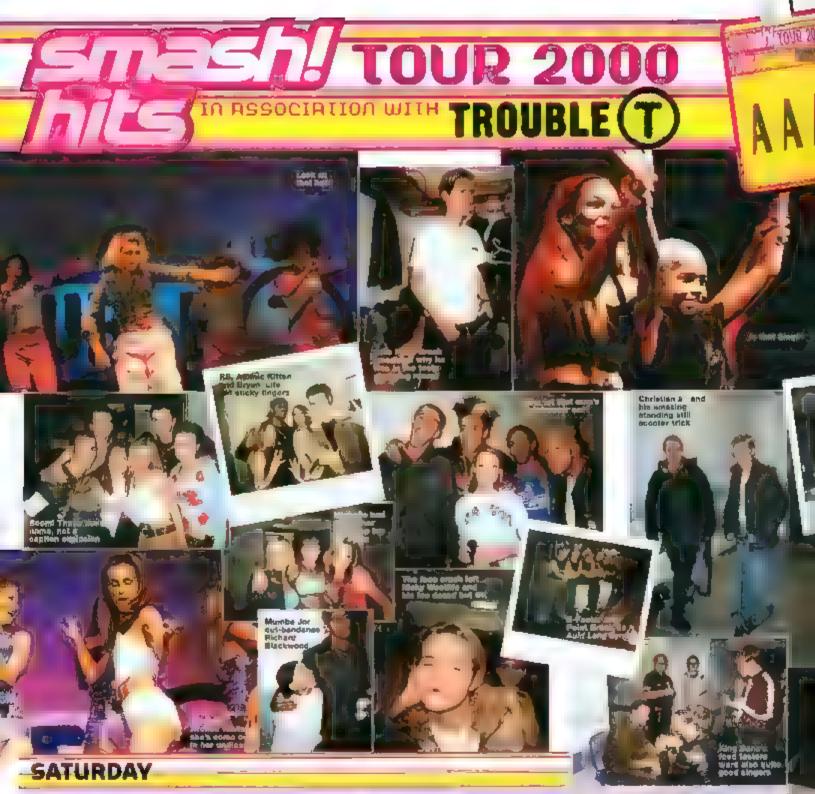
'il about 5am every morning!' he

spin around the audience get a cheeky fash of their undies. We wanted to go po without underwear! comessed Dec "But we couldn't there were some young lods in the audience!"

Westille still haven't arrived furns out their plane's delayed on their way from Germany Alornic Kitter sing an extra song and all do a couple more

THE BEST BIT

There was time to kill white we wanted for Westlife to arrive, so the Kitten stepped in "Wo lust ran on stago and started talking rubbish." laughs Tash. 'We didn't have a clue. what to do!" The gals did a great iob and when Westlife arrived as 10.30pm the crowd were well and truly whipped into a frenzy



Manchester: two shows, three breakdancers and four pairs of pants...

Tpm

Checking into the hoter, we find that Posh and Benke are staying there too.

2pm

SA is just get ing settled in our hotel when there's a knock at the door. 's Mark a1 who wants to see the latest issue with the boys dressed as the X-Men." I think they're the best pictures of us I've ever seen." he says. "Along with the Beatles ones you guys did isst year. I've got them as the screensaver on my computer y know!"

2 30pm

Two shows today. Atomic Kitten sneak in behind Poin, Break and become

their unnofficial dancers, it's all-out war when it's the Kittens, turn. Point Break interrupt their set by pretending to ride horses across the stage.

8pm

Artika Girt Thing's trousers keep falling down on stage. Michelle's family art of the house, including her proof dad in a pink wig and Girl Thing T-shirt.

9pm

Flitche Five arrives to see Sillie and even gets roped into introducing her. Westiffe aren't due to perform tonight but Bryan turos up to do a bit of presenting

10nm

a are showered with pants galore and Pau, was hit by a barrage of flying pigs, which he asked us to look after – they're still in our office so pop in next time you're passing, Paul. Ortis and Richard Black wood are doing the Same Old Brand New You dance at the side of the stage

1am

Off to Life Bar Richard Blackwood, Keith and Shane Bryan Westlife Kerry and Tash Kitten. B-Factor, Point Break Ben Christian and Mark at and Bornfunk MCe start the dancing. Ben and Christian at spend all hight on the dancefloor thilling the taydeez. "I can't help it. I like girls!" shrugs Christian.

3am

How did we get home from the club? In a pop star umo? No, we walked in a buge posse, until Ben, Mark. Dec and Srt go! separated and lost in the middle of Marchester. "It can't believe Ben's walking?" giggles Mark. "The doesn't walk amywhere?" And sure ebough, Ben

cells their tour manager to come and pick us up.

3.30am

Back at the hote, it is straight into the bar Dec Point Broak is searching for a piano and the all boys head straight to SH's room because Mark has told hem all about our X. Men photos. After jumping up and down on our bad hely disappear to their own. "I'm so glad we don't share anymore." confesses Ben. "We fike to have our own space now." Ben finds out he's left his mobille phone in our room, so he turns up to collect if al. 5.30am.

THE BEST BIT

The breakdance challenge Bryan Westfife Richard Blackwood and Keith Boyzone take to the stage in the Eclub and battle if out through the medium of back-spinning and head-spinning (well-almost)







SUNDAY

Karaoke, Kittens and

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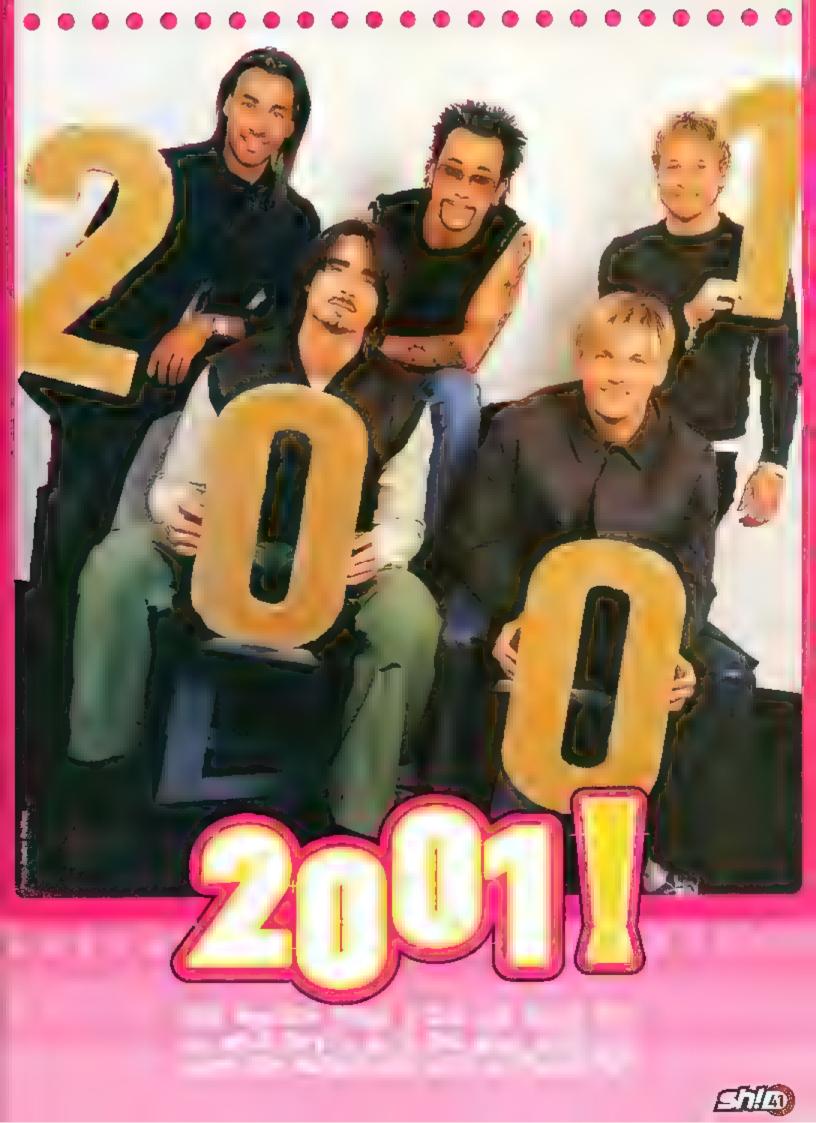




















STEPS IN L VE...

FRYE: My love life is lovely, lovely, lovely and I'm very happy. And I'd we to say that all those rumours about me and my boythend Janper getting engaged - well, they're not rumours. We haven't announced it 'cos we didn't want to, it's our news, not everyone else's, and it's not about Slaps, it's about me and my boyfriend.

I'm still available and open to offers! 2000 was CIK, but there's nothing engoing. I've just bought a house - wa're all settling down a bit - and it would be nice to share my aucouss with someone. Would I like to share my house with someone? Not just my house:

Eve just had a

USA: My lave ily is Boom! tastic (Lisa's going out with Johnny front now band Boom!, if you didn't know) How longs & beatt going? Not long enought ("Althir" the rest of Stepsi No. it'll be two years in a couple of 💌 🐞 🐞 🐞 🐞

"THE RUMOURS ABOUT ME BEING ENGAGED... THEY'RE NOT RUMOURS" -

months. He was one of our dancers, and we met at his audition. he walked in and and I was like, "He's got the job? It's very nice and thenks to all the tans, both ours and Boom's, for being supportive, and I hope it stays that way. That's all want to say really. I don't want to be all Posh and Becks about it

CURINE: (Smiling) My love life has improved steadily over the last year, and i'm hoping it's going to carry on this year! 'm not single, and I'm perfectly happy at the moment, thank you very much!

LEE: Well, I had a girlfriend to 2000, and that finished, and right now I'm just happy being mit and concentrating on work and things wanna do and just get what I wanna get out of life. When imin a relationship I'm 100% in it, and just give the girl a lot of my time and d's difficult to do that and Steps think that's why if ended last year to be honest. So I can't commit too lai ahead. can't see the future, so if the girl's up for having a good time and living for the day, then cool, if I'm in a relationship that's it, but when 'm not H: "He's on heat!") I am not on heat! I'm just a red-blooded male. If see a nice looking girl. there's nothing wrong with relting her knowl

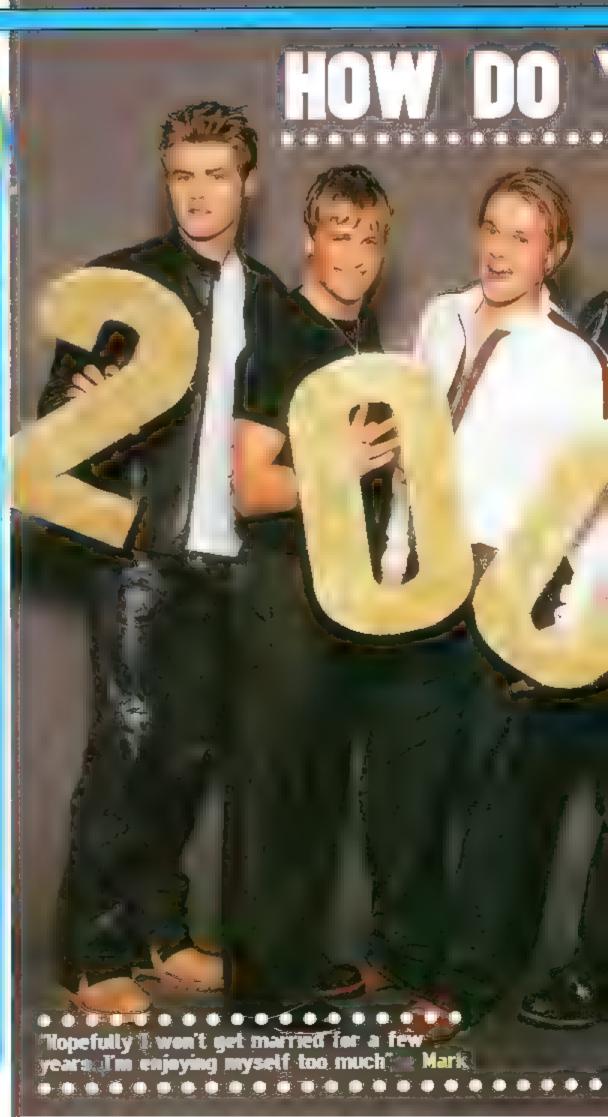




BILLIE

Billie loves being the life of the party, but right now she just wants to start taking her vitamins!

and use you straight before even start gm hobeless & New Year's resolutions lique making them but I'm even better as preaking them. chuld make any resolution for 2001 it would probably be to start loking my vitamins cos it's something never do. distant drinking a lot more water and just start taking care of myself again. Bostcally ve had a really full-on year and need to get into better health and be well-behaved His bading really losually my resolutions ias for the first hige weeks and then I'm completely over t but think it would be really good for my litestyle next year. It would keep the a lot more vibrant instead of flaking out at the ame Northar did much flaking on (our (laughs). Sometimes when im going out a for and then working really hard just get run down find it hand to find the time and to keep it all in balance. So that sit Smash Mits when you see me in the New Year you have to make sure I'm taking my vitamins Promise? Good





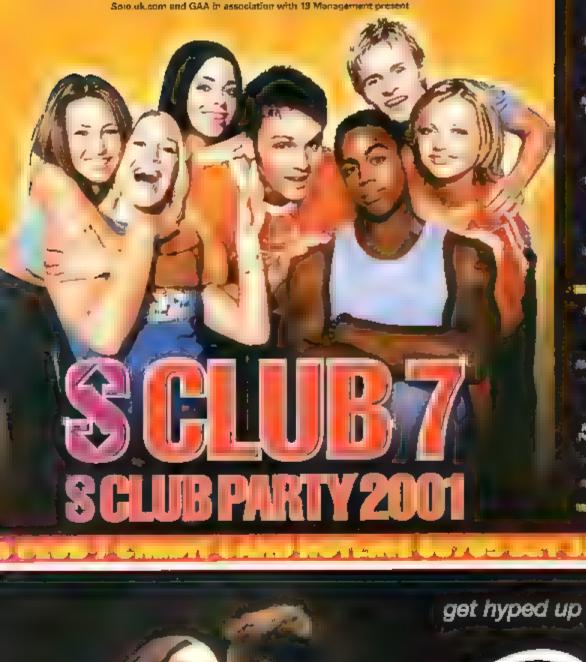




BAMANTHA MUMBA

Samantha
Mumba is on
the Smash Hits
Tour, munching
on a hotdog and
dreaming about
her New Year's
resolution...

To he completely nake New Years resolutions and even when I do usually brook them the very nex day the only ling soally want next year is to be home hure often than aim ight now. That would be at asic binn ist doesn't happe To be home for an odd day here untitled would the griat guess the hest resource I could hake would 50 10: to go so far away from home really tilgg my iftle brother Omaro ar 2 my mum s looking laughs iva baet back and other of America Intelligence Institute to the ally too and of it. Sure love what midding and America is emezing but it gets a it'is bli mad fome is home viknow? People aften say "What's he it's ust nome it's not the great people or the great city in a just home. Americans think there are leprechatins and averything in Ireland. It's all very strange. guess I min a position now where can set them swaight Arro with that San finishes ner homog and takes off for the stage. Tomorrow she il be back in the States,.



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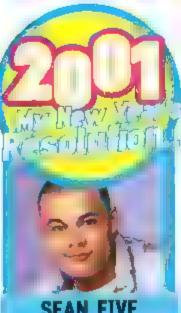
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My New Year's resolution is to do a course in psychology. I never read books so I'm. going to buy loads of psychology brooks so I can learn how to read people's minds in this business, you ment a lot of people and I'd. love to know where they're coming from. ve always boar interested in psychology because it helps me write better songs. Actually I'm lying it's just so can understand girls better!



SEAN FIVE

My New Year's resolution is to stent eating healthler. I've gor to cut down on the KFC Burger King, McDonald's and Pizza Hut We eat a lot of rubbish on the road and im determined in going to start eating my greens, broccoli, cabbage all that healthy stuff. I might even hit a salad occasionally. We have a chefon roun with us so imigoing to have a word to make sure I'm on the pasta, with loads of carbohydrales can't face any more Big Macs

EAR USELES

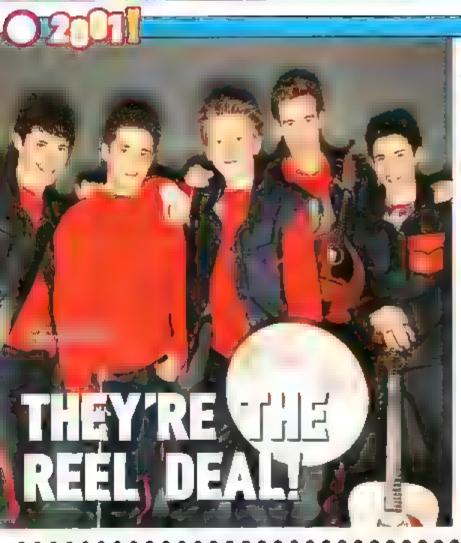
The S Club boys aren't the best at keeping New Year's resolutions...

BRADLEY: "m pretty bad at keeping New Year's resolutions. promise myself that 'll sort but my time keeping and be more punctual but imistill always rate for everything I'm gonna try again this year too.

JON: Every year always say that I'm going to stop bitting my nails and every year last a day before it comes it comes to January 2 and I'm IRe this (Stuffs as many fingers in his mouth as he carr.)

THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN making rules tar myself and not sticking to them. Every single year I say I can't be so messy. I must be more organised. And im still the messiest, least organized person that l know!





They're following in the footsteps of Five and BSB, but this year's Best New <u>Tour</u> <u>Act</u> are raring to go...

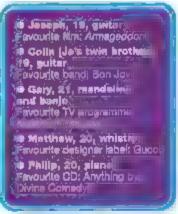
Meet Reel the hortest new band to come out of tretand since, oth, you know You voted them Blast New Tour Act '00 and they're as pleased as dancing leprechauns to pick up their award.

Joseph Colin Gary Philip and Matthew spent a nervewracking week waiting for the wotes to be counted and they were all together when they got the call to say they'd won. "We were ust leading to a hotel in Outlin when we heard and we all wort, 'Assaught says Gury

"If was such a groot week on the Smash Hits Tour and winning the award just put the cap on it," adds Jee

But they did reveal their nerves just before they went on stage at the Poll Winners' Party. We did get really scared when to it but when you walk on stage it all turns into a buzz," loughs Metthew.

"I remember watching it years ago, thinking, "Woulde"! It be great to be there?" says Philip. And now their dream's come true and they're hoping to follow in the footsteps of Boyzone and Westlife as wer as non-Cettro award winners BSS and Five. So do they have a special message for the fans who voted for them? "A big. big.; hank you," emiles Philip, "Watch out for as in the future 'cos we're going to repay you now!"



THEY'RE BOOMIN' GREAT!

Boom! are *Falling* into the charts. Here's your essential guide...

SHAKTI never wanted to issue the SH Tour. "We've just been touring with Five, who are great, but I wanted to stay with Smash Hits 'cos it was so much fun and everyone was really nice.

SHAUN is from Edinburgh, though he lives in London, and he wants "to meet John Lennon more than arryone else". Sadly he's been dead for 20 years, John Lennon, that is,

VICKY stuck Boom) stickers on the rude bits of the fully-clothed SUPERSISTER, Reel, Olio & Brett Point Broak and Ben & Paul a1 before cackling, "You've been Boomfed"

JOHNNY who dates Lisa Steps, says his ideal night would be watching TV – he's a complete sosp addict and loves 'Stenders, Hollycaks, Brookie etc.

PACHABL is the oldest of the band, "even though I look the youngest!" Everyone thinks I'm younger than are which is great." She's 21

NICK wants to have a website called http://www.bickynicky.com/ Er OK



Watch out for this lot too!

Label mates of Bilbe and Atomic Kitten, this new soul band serenaded the *Smash Hits* girlles outside a foilet in Manchester - classy eh?

She's 13, she's blondish and she's from America. But she's also a mins Jernifer copez, her new single Paradise is put in February and we can't stop spinning it Canadians Dave. Trevor and Ken met at music college nine years ago and are an R'n'B-type pop bend

Three guys from Boston who never went to bed on the SM Tour (playwresting with Westide, partying with Point Break) and are set to be huguing this year just remember where you saw lem first!



mentioned embefore they rerelated to Lisa Steps and you

know they're gonna be good.

Atternative, punky and funky, they carved up the stage on SH Touc

Cheeky gals who like to party

and sing about Hello Kitty the Jepanese toyl



They supported Five on tour and blew is

away with their lightsabre derice:

Sam's ten-year-old bro' boogled on stage with her on the Smash Hits Tour and we reckon he II be faunching his own solo career shortly





John Wilker
Johny to his
mates could
well be the
brightest new
star of the year
Here's what you
need to know...

FIRST EVER INTERVIEW!

He's already a big star in ... er, Blackpool

At the time was 17 18 and singing Take That and Boyzone tills. That job was like a YTS for being a pop star and doing the clubs was quite a big prestige thing. I'm messive in Blackpool!

He was in a group with Michelle Girl Thing

We were called Jonather and the Space Girls and we performed in Biackpool, Everyone called her Babs!

He loves Stars in Their Eyes

I used to do a Mailhew Kelly in Blackpool and say, "Tonight, firm going to be Ronan, Tom Jones, Cliff Richard, whoever," I can do a great Ronan impression (Proceeds to sing an uncanny Life is a Rollerpoester)

He's got every episode of Friends on video

For the first three years, I was such a big Chandler fan, but I'm sort of getting to like Josy. He's awesome

He loves his mum

I'm very close to all my family, mum Eileen, dad Graham and sister Kay and my brother-in-law Jonathan. Can you mention my niece Olivia Grace in Smash Hits, please? (No, sony)

His best mate (end flatmate) is Robble Williams

He's my best mate in the whole wide world, and I can't deny that fact. We got brought up together (Johny is now 22), and our mums were friends. We're the only two people who can

shout at each other because ho-one shouts at Rob. I'm very fortunate my best mate is in the industry want to be in

He promises not to get big-headed

I couldn't go back to the lads in Stoke and turn all Charlie big-lime on them. Everybody would lell me to get lost

Anything else?

My first record is out in March and im excited, nervous, sort of everything at the same time —can't walth

The latest singing sensation from the makers of IN Syno, you might recognise them from Making The Band (Easy with the screams - Ed) As Britney, would say "O my goshi

When you hear them you won to believe they're a boyband obut they are Rin'B he quality of Statio, garage to rival the True Steppers and ballads to make your knees go trambly. They gave the SH crew a private half-hour set how considerate.



Shers been in the Top Tan aiready with Griefic Superister but this funkster is back

with her new tune Case in The Ex and a freakin video to match

The be-muscled perma-taimed one has just got a new manager and some hot new tracks. The future is orange:



911 frontman was keen to join us on lour last year but decided to hote off tall his new

stuff was periect and it's pretty close



We've loved em for ages but this Scouse

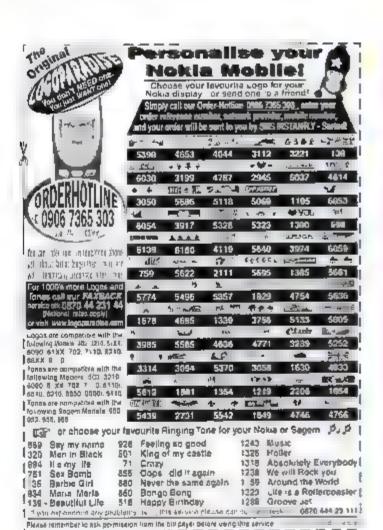
gura: pop trai have been hanging out in America scaling the Top Ten inere One half of Mero is back with a sixpack. Welcome back, geezer

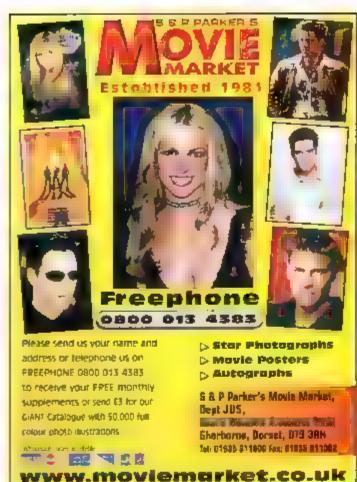
Read the single review, it's all you need to know!

Back with a choor from a new movie.

Pop star, presenter and pop star all over again! Stay Limed to Smash Hits ITV, radio AND the mag) for more.

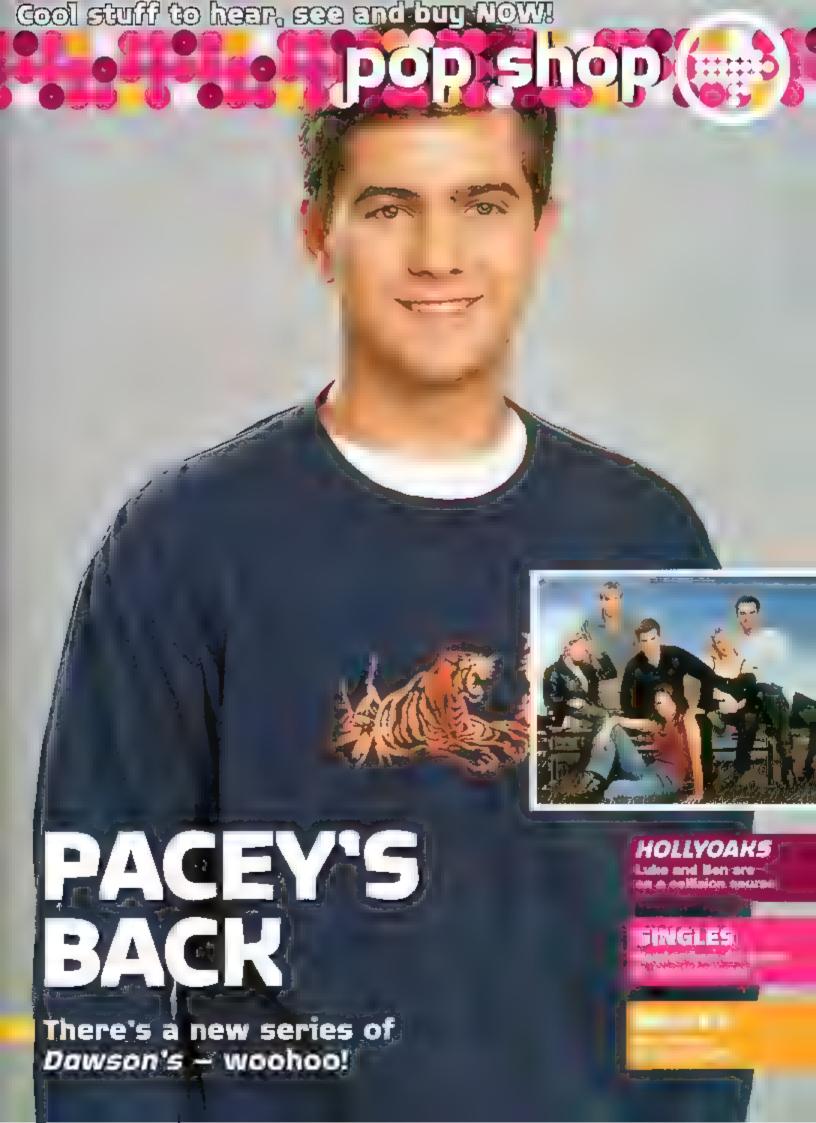




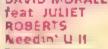












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JENNIFER LOPEZ Love Don t Cost A Thing The novalin Roll Buill



PINK You Make Me Sick

The Hits laves Pink She lucks eas, her records are winked and afte calls, us she sees it This is a top tune and hope there are motorbikes in the vid.

Saltunes artists



VARIOUS ARTISTS Motown Mania

single of the fortnight

You know the words you know the tunes but you've never heard these versions before! Brudby does a stunning Letely Semanthi, Mumba shakes it to Signed Socied Oleuvered im Yours Dane Bowers croons III Be There and many more top popsters join in Weepy moment

slushfest version of *Three Times A Lady*, and booglefest goes to Weatline Are you sure? — Ed) and What Becomes Of The Broken Hearted Serena Lacey

SUGABABES One Touch

Sugababas crapt into the charts up the fire escape of pop last year and, cripes here they are already with their debut album! Last year's single Overload stands out and Same Old Story's a dancey, attitudey booty-shaker of a song There are roads of lardback rounging-in-your-lardback rounging-in-your-

room kind of bits so if you flke your gir bands saidback and rounging give this album a listen Hanoah Vardier





Dawson's Creek Season Four

t's been a long summer in Capsside.

Dawson's been nursing his broken heart show the moment Josy and Pacey art sail into the sunset. The rest of the gang have railied around, but nothing can prepare him for the return to school and coming (ace-to-face with Josy and Pacey)

Coming Up ..

There's someone new sleeping on Pacey's couch, his sister Gratcher who immediately colches Dawson's aya - will she mand his heart?

Joey's got a new job – although she has to lis to get it. She soon gets caught out but is covered by newcorner Drue – who's set to cause a few scenes later in the season.

Pagey's or trouble at school again, it's serious he daks not graduating # he doesn't catch up

Could Dawson and Pacey be thrown back together when a hurricane hits Capeside? They will if Joey and Jen have anything to do with its

Andie is determined to get into a top college through herd work, while tack takes the sportsman's approach.

Don't miss Dawson's Creek Fridays at 6pm on Chennel 4, repeated Sundays at midday





SEMISONIC Chemistry

Dan Semisonic tooks like he teaches the title of this, and the guys who gave us Secret Smile have hardly tocked the charts recently. But this rockin' American dility is much more exciting than the title suggests I you like Supergrass or the Dandy Wathols, you'll like this.



What would happen if Shane Westlife married Cheyne Coates? He'd be called Shape Coates! Except he wouldn't Aham, Borry we didn't review this single in the iast issue - especially as you'll have heard them both loads over Christmas But (for hoss living in Mars) one side's an apic balted and the other's an old Motown classic. And they re both good



Owek: Someone ask Sharlesn Spitfire & Co what an inner smile is. I need to ask my dentist who'd probably play something five this in the waiting room to make the ensuing torture not so bad. (The teeth bit, that is, Not the record)

The istast from these ladies is a bit of a grower, and it's quite possible this head-nodding R'n B chor-yoph sounds OK after a few cockalls and lemonades down the Mer Bar. It's just, well the lyrica. "I know that you want a piece of my ass" Which piece exactly? Forget asked

I now associate Lene

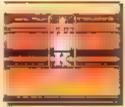
Marlin with Sitting Down Here playing on screens at big arena pop concerts while thousands of the sudience (who could well be SH readers) gawp at good looking people. And if they changed it for this nearly identical record, which is the same as the last two, I don't think! Id notice. In fact, maybe they already have.

The boys sing nearly as much as the gals, shock horror. This is a lair enough Mistown cover for the B-side to The Way You Make Me Feet, but not a patch on previous. Steps covers like Tragedy and Lest Thing On My. Mind. The songs they wrote for Buzz are.



better so roll on the

next single, I say



The people who wrote this for tune the Swedish sum, Kinnda also penced Destiny's Child's house the Swedish and TLC's No Scruber But here's the Kinnda suppose this one's not



Cheyne Coates has to be one of the best names in gop. If she marned Shane Westifie short be called Cheyne Westifie. (br. Cheyne Flan, achally Office Westifie fens) Anyway. this isn't quite as good as the tast one, which waten't quite as good as the last paire as good as the last paire as good as the last





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If the prospect doesn't appail you after looking at Mahir's octure on the sleave then just listen

Celebrate

agent want to rock Deeply This is exactly the same single as the last seven. Next



MEET... ...Patrick Fugit

Patrick Fugit, the 17-year-old star of Almost Famous is just that. You might not recognise him now, but his role as teenage rock writer William Miller in the film is sure to make him a big star...

The Facts

When director Cameron Jerry Maguire' Crowe was looking for someone to play the character of Milliam (who's based on Crowe himself), he isunched a nationwide raient search and found unknown Patrick who somes from Utah. He hadn't had much acting experience before that unless you count playing a worm in a stage show of James And The Gent Peach.

Patrick had to tearn all about 170s rock music for the role. He confusces: "Before this movie, I had no musical sense I had one Chumbavumba album."

No sense at all, then:

Patrick grew three inches during filming, so he had to have his clothes relitted as time went on Not that he shvays wore clothes. He got very nervous when he had to film a hudey spene with three chicks.

Me was surrounded by a bery of foxy achesses on the film uncluding X-lder's Anne Paquet and Goldie Hawn's little girl Kale Hudson. "I wasn't looking for a girlfriend," says Patrick. "But there were plenty of cool girls to talk to."

Patrick's a little bit embertassed about his meteoric lise to fame. "It's crazy!" he says. "Most people work up to this point by doing samething like walking the dog in the background of a Harrison Fordmovie. got rushed to the front of the quair."

When he's not working, Patrick likes motorcycling, camping, playing the guitar and exploring canyons. Op-er!

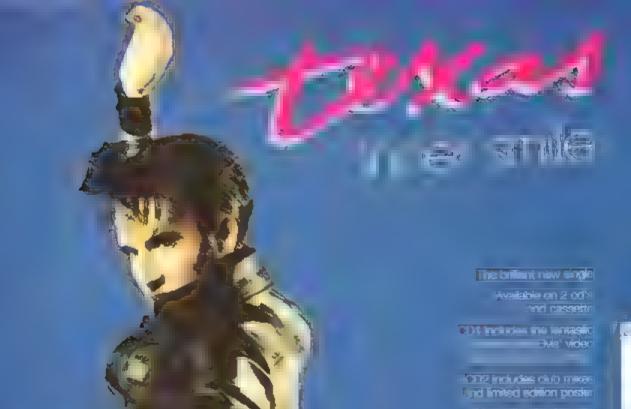




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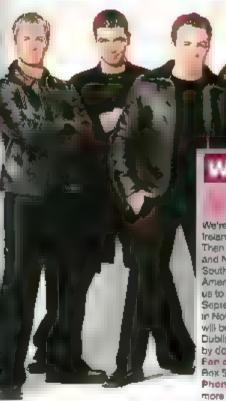
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BERTIFE It'll be a busy year for the boys. Ask Klen: "We have rehearsals for the tour in January and February We're doing our first lour of the UK and Ireland in February March and April. Then we tour Asia and go to Australia and New Zealand Then we're off to South Africa. South America and America for two months which will take us to summer. We'll be back in Europe in September and tour the UK and keland in November and December "The lads will be doing a record number of dates at Dublin's Point Depail - beating Bayzone

by doing \$ 1 rights there. Fan club, Wastlife Official Fan Club, PO Box 50, Stanmore Middlesex HA7 TUS Phoneline: 09018 800 123 calls cost no more than 50p but ask the bill-payer first. Website: www.westile.co.uk





New single, it's The Way You Make Me Feel, is out this month. Claire and H will present another series of talent show Steps To The Stars, white Faye, Lise and Lee do promotional work in March they'll all be off to Europe and the Far East to do promotional work. And there'll be another single out around

May. Staps should also be doing some more live shows by the end of the year. There might also be a new album from the boys and girls - see page 42 for more info Website: www.stepsofficial.com





The Club will be recording their long-awaited third album at the beginning of the year and they'll be doing their first UK tour in-May and June. Then it's off to the JS in the summer to film a new Tv show. After that, the Clubbers should be back to promote the album and spend some time in the JK

nformation service: S Club 7 Freepost CV744, 3 Alveston Place. Leamington Spa CV32 48A

Website, www.sclub.com





Five will be recording new material in the New Year. Their third album is scheduled for release in April, so the boys will be busy doing international promotion in spring. The first single is due for release in April too. They have no plans to tour, but you never know

Fan clubt Five. Lightwater Surrey Gt. 18 5RA Websita www.bmg-backstage.co.uk







The boys are back with a bang this year as they head out on their lirst arena tour. Their new single. No More, wit be released in February so expect to see the lads all over your TV in the New Year Then they'll be heading off to Asia and Japan to do some promotional work before going to America in the summer. The boys should be back in autumn for their arena tour here. Website: www.a1-online.com



Backstreet



BS8 are off on a worldwide tour, starting in America this month and will be flying round the world for the rest of the year. They will play the JK, but dates are to be continued.

Next single. The Call, is due out in February, with another in early summer Fan club: Fan Club Services, Backstreet Boys, PO Box 20, Manchester M60 3ED Phacehno, 0903 916 6003

Website: www.bacietreetboys.com

tobbie



Robbie will be entertaining us in July this year with his JK stateum tour, which sold out in record time. Catch him in Cardill on July 14, Mitton Keynes on July 21, Manchester or

July 28 and Glasgow on August 4. He'll be touring Europe during Fabruary and March And there'll be singles from Sing When You re Winning throughout the year Fan club: Robbie Williams Fan Club, PO Box 478 Newcastle STS 1BP Website: www.sobbiewillums.com





Mis Plaar will be on holiday at the beginning of the year recovering from a hectic 2000. In early spring she'll be busy promoting Walk Of Life in Europe. Keep your ears to the ground as there should be a new single out in apring too. Billie will spend the rest of the year writing and recording her

thard album, which is doe out at the end of the year.

Fan club: The Officer Brite Fanciub, PO Box 170, Swindon SN6 BNX. Website: c3.vrng.co.uk/billie

5ouzon**e**:



Ro' will start another tour on May 6. He and wife Yvonne are expecting a baby brother or aister for Jack in March, Mikey Graham's new single is due out in February with his solo album released in March. He'll be touring the UK in April and

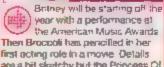
May before heading all to do some European promotion. All the Zone boys are comparing schedules so that they can tour together again. Fan club: PO Box 102. Starmore, Middlesex HA7 2PY

Phone in the

Weberter www.boyzone.co.uk



tritna



are a bit sketchy but the Princess Of Pop should be filming from mid-February 'Ill May Don't Let Me Be The Last To Know will be released in March and she'll be recording some new material throughout the year. Fan club: No UK fan club yet, but there's a US one PO Box 7022 Red Bank Nu 07701 7022 USA Email: britney@peeps.com

Website: www.peeps.com/brillipy

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Assistantian is correct at time of going to press, but please check with the venues before turning up to see your tare populers dates can change!



CORN.

Bounce (15) Buddy Amarai (Ben Affieck) gives up his " giv for a stranger. Greg. so mat he can spend the hight with a beautiful woman. But when including crashes. Buddy's filed with quilt and sots out to find G ag sindow. (Gwyneth Pattrows and suptain, Of course as it is a film throops take a peculiar wist. A complete giny flick, with Ben, a musny storyline and weepy scenes pass the popount



Castaway 12)
Tom Hanks latest files is, in a word, long, When Chuck Noland's (Hanks plane crashes in the South Pacific no's of stranded - presumed dead - on a desert Island with nobody to talk to a cept a volleyball called Wilson That, pretty much is it. Doesn't bode well does it? Some of the scenes are very emotional attriough it does drag on a bit



The Patriot 15

Mai Gibson plays wai veteran Benjamin Martin in an eoic tale of the American Revolution and family loyalty. Be warned It will cause you to plub your heart buy saget yer box of tissues ready!



Three To Tango 12

Manhew Perry is Oscar Novak albusinessman who averyone believes is gay. When he's asked to py on a chert (Neve amphell), he quickly alts for their Will no admit is feelings or continue plive a -e^o li pil comes to a hysterical cirriax

CRAIG DAVID'S



I watched the one where lan Beale wont bankrupt recently it was wicked

8.30om

Hove it but why do people use their 50/50 when they have no idea what the answer is, How does that help them?

9,30pm

Especially around this turns of year. It's so funity.

I can't get enough of it



m heading for a ran-in with Ben. his behaviour has become really strange i hone things don't come to blows. I could do with talking to him about Mendy! Meanwhile, Gina and Emily get legather to

decide what's best for Sol - he's intent on getting them to help in his search for Jesse

Over in EASTENDERS More in trouble but will she at herself be helped? Laure and lan re-open the chip shop and Ashley looks set to follow in his dad si loctateos

Magnyhile in CORONATION STREET

Tyrone and Marie finally decide to take their relationship a step further

Toyals's got a new flatmate and Curly and Emma return DAWSON'S CREEK IS

back, and down in Capeside. things eren't going foo Well for Jen, and there's stormy weather shead for Pacey

Down on BROOKSIDE Close Leanne starts to suspect that Susannah was murdered and Max has to face the neighbours:





Your forthight starts here...

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Wednesday JANUARY 10 Bored of your Crimbo toys? Why not invest in a Key Chain game? Twister Boggle and Monopoly are all avallable on keyrings pt £3,99 oach

Thursday JANJARY 11 Look out for Steps all over your TV, their new single is out now and they'll be going telly-testic



Saturday EI YRAJKAL Join Dane and Tess for Smash Hits TV tonight Sky One al 6pm



Sunday JANUARY 14 Dawson's Creek is back or T4 have that lle-in you've been promising yourself!



Saturday JANUARY 20 Smash Hiltz fave Lucie Cave (That rhymes Ed) has got a new saries on Trouble. it's called Room Ravers and It kicks off at 9 15am

Monday

After shooting their existic new videa the ut ads will be starting to promote their new single, No More!



JANLARY 21 The Offspring Bre playing at Wembley Arene tonight



Get logged on to AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF download ringtones of the Top Ten chart singles to your mobile Wednesday JANUARY 17

Yummy Popoum Chicken is now available at KFC try a bucket at £1 999

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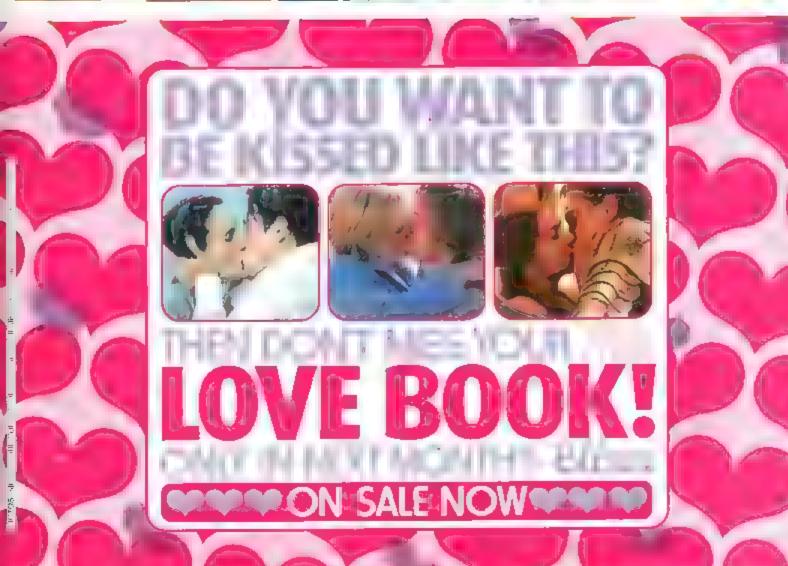
Why not pop along and see Traffic at the cinemas now it stars Michael Douglas and new wifey Catherine Zeta Jones

JANUARY 18 Tune into Very Important Party lonight on BBC1 and see which surprise stars will po bobbied a



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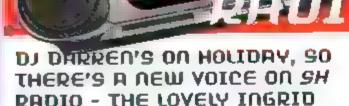
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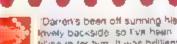
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filling in for him. It was brilliant because, got to go on the Smash Hits Tour and we did a snow backstage at the Poll Winners' Party

First into the studio were Atomic Kitten who showed us a of of battoms they have more tal 000 than they let on, but at least they re

nicely done Billie was on the show and I was desperate to had out whether she was wouring anyming when she did that Amendur Beauty photoshopi for SH She said the had helipants on and a little something covering her lop.

but I'm not so Sum' Lee Steps was turning his nose up in disgus, when he heard about Cielre's affempt to cook her tirst Christmas dinner even the rockons she's not very good in the kitchen. but she gave it a go this into

Tallong of Steps Pete Waterman was here lalking to us. He's famous for working with Steps and people like Kylie back in the 90s at 3 he to it me the only act on the Poll Winners' bill he dinever worked with was Texas

Richard Blackwood is being very checky at the moment, he's going round mentioning Porsche in every interview he does in the hope he'll get a free cart

Lonly managed to catch a little bit of the show but I did see Five going on in their white outfits. It is amazing when you go out into the crowd and feet all the energy

Well Damun will be back from honday by the time you read this, so watch out for his while bits. I've heard he wears a Gestring!







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Another frantic formight at SHTV with pop people a-planty and a birthday party too. The Oxide & Neutrino crew are coment to drink tea and eat crisps in the canteen, but Cheyne Medison Avenue invites us up to her dressing room for a notion. She's been a bit busy what with the Smash Hits Tour I's been fun - overyone's really nice im looking forward to going back to Oz for Christmas now."

ALL HAPPENING ON

SMASH HITS TV

Sharleon Texas welcomes us into her boudow for a cuppa and poses for a sw shaps. Mark at has been feeling a bir poorly recently. The tour was briblian but my voice hasn't recovered, completely lost my voice for the last right. These is pleased to see her old mores Keith and Shane.

"We might do another single, but It'll be more serious

hip-nop and rock n mill

Those jude B.O.N. boys have just flown in from New York!

Guy admits they as knackered "We're a bit jet ragged And my feet hun from walking ground New York for ten hours"

There are a couple of surprises too. Craig Big Brother pope in to say hello and Dane's blows out the candles on is 21st birthday cake. It's got a great pic of the man hichself with stubble .co A couple of bottles of fizzy pop and it was all over til the next time.

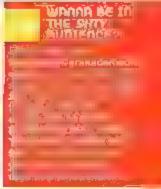






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I promise to...

Is there anything pop stars can't do? Er, yes. We asked Planet Pop's finest: Have you ever kept a New Year's resolution?



Not I always day 'm going to stop drickling and stop partying, but when try to stay in I just get bored!





BILLIE

The Gary New Yorks resolutions if make see the name every years stop smalling, stop calling junktions and to stop partying too make. (Sopring) But every year a break them







MEL ALL SAINT

Not wally, mine's strongs the carre. To never go out, get drunk and feel awful the next day and then to have to work





BEN a1

hope, every year say I'm point to go to the gym more and avery year I go should nice. The gym is too flippin' boring. I went the other day and after a few banch presses got bored and want to the eviluming pool





Almost. It was to go to the gym more allon, I approvide others have all said that too. I marrly kept if up I did it for our months, but I haven't been in the less six. "Ye still got a little bill of a dis pack though - only just?



ROMAN

I'm afraid not. The only one I used to make as a kild was not to out chocotate but that was nover reality gorate happen. I still love chocotate!







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surboards. AJ admits he'd kill himself if he even tried to surf, but Nick is friching to give his a spin. Kevin. Howe and Brisin avoid all attempts to get them to give it a go: "Over my dead body," says Kev.

went on a whirlwind tour of the globe, making the stops in five different continents in just three days. When they touched down in Australia, Smash rifts was there to show am round

To kick off their 2001 with a

bung, the Backstreet Boys

8.30am

The boys are due to land but "tomential rain forces the plane to circle Sydney for 45 minutes. The delay works out well for the fans waiting at the airport – just before the

plane lands, a record company bloke realises they're all waiting at the wrong terrainal ..uckily. ජාව friendly guy Jumps in his motor and ferries about 15 car loads of dripping wet BSB fans over to the right leminal.

at before the ridiculous he looks, but that doesn't stop Kevin aughing himself stupi Nick's caugh his little bro's obsession with sharks and keeps asking if there

10am

The boys are enjoying breakfast

with some Aussie celebs when

Melissa Joan Hart, appears sporting a

new bright-red hairdo. No-one knows

what she's doing here and even BSB

are a bit surprised. It turns out she's

The boys hang out in the surf and

AJ is presented with a pair of skimpy

Speedos which he slips on over his

trousers. He whips them off again.

quickly when he maises how

filming a new movie in Sydney.

auddenly the Teenage Witch herself

aughing himself stupid! Nick's caught his little bro's obsession with sharks and keeps asking if there are any off Bond: Beach. But before we can answer. The boys are presented with ouston-made

The boys zip up the road to Rose Bay High School for a press contenance. The girts at the school were only told at 9am that morning and several are seen cryang in condors as the boys pass by!

At the press conference, one far persuades the boys to sing Happy Birthday to her and AJ admits there's only one shower on the plane so they're all getting a bit smelly! Howe looks a bit womed when AJ attempts to snift his ampits.

At one point some serious tourno asks Kev what he thought of the American election fiasco. Kev jokes that he's actually quite keen to run for President himself in the future, and Boan and Mick call him President Kev for the rest of the day.

12.30pm

The boat cruise around Sydney
Opera House is meant to be the









"Surf? Over my dead body!"" – Kevin



boys' chill-out time when no media people can hasele them, but of course, as acon as they spy Smesh-Hits they invite us aboard and soon we're orusing around the harbour tucking into fresh prawns, cysters and salad. Kevin wolfs it down because he hasn't eaten for about "36 hours straight", and the boys anloy a sneaky bear!

At one point the guys try to throw poor Howle in the harbour, until Kevin atops them with a stern, dad-like look. Nick's busy interrogating the boat captain about sharks (againt) and AJ starts talking to his security guard about women he fancies. Obviously gliffiend Amanda – or "Poopy" as he affectionately calls her – is at the top of the list, but he's also get a soft spot for the waltress on the boat!

Key and Brian admit they're missing their wives, but they're still enjoying their boys' trip, "It's like having a stag night after the wedding," laughs Key.

2pm

Off the boat and into a nearby hotel where spookity, Meliasa

Joan Hart pops up again. Her and a few pals join the boys for a drink and then the band have a quick shower and a rest before heading over to Sydney's Pitt Street Mail where a gazillion screaming girts, desperate to hear their klots sing, are crowded into an area the size of a (smallish) toilet.

5pm

The boys arrive on stage and are immediately met by a bra thrown from the audience! Bizarrely, Kevin auggests AJ wears it, but he needs Nick's help to get it on! After about five minutes AJ decides it's too light, takes it off and ties it round Nick's head. He then spends the next 20 minutes talking to the crowd with a bra on his head. Strange boys.

After an a capella version of Shapo Of My Heart the boys race back to the hotel where there's special cocktail party being organised. Surprise, surprise, Melissa Joan Hart is there again and it seems pretty obvious she's taken a string to Nick, though he dibesn't seem too interested implead.

she spends most of the evening talking to Howie about his nightclub and discussing the best places to hang out in LA. Howie admits he used to be a big fan of Clarissa Explains it All and Melissa is touched. "I thought no-one watched that show!" she admits.

Suddenly it's all over. The boys are starting to look knackered and Kevin admits he's beginning to feel the strain, but there's no time to relax as the boys are shuttled back to the waiting plane. A few hours in the air and they've got to do it all over again – In Cape Town, South Africa.







BSB IN OZ The burning questions!

"Do you really say 'chuck another shrimp on the barbie'?"- Kevin

"What's the size of your average shark?" - Nick

"Can I see a koala? - Brian

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Saturday: Arrive in Tokyo from Stockholm: 8.55am

Sunday: Arrive in Sydney from Tokyo: 8.30am

Monday morning. Arrive in Cape Town from Sydney; 6:30am

Monday afternoon: Arrive in Rio from Capii Town: 4pm

Tuesday: Arrive in New York from Rio: 10am

The plane: 28-seal 737, owned by the Sultan of Brunel

Time spent in air:

Time spent on land: 45 hours



ACE STUFF THE SMASH HITS OFFICE CAN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT!



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it's not just accessories these days -Steps have gone the whole bog and decked themselves from head to too in glittery garb. But you know that already you've seen our cover

2 (NEW) NEW RESOLUTIONS

We readive to bring you all the biggest stars, the latest news and the best possip every other Wednesday for the next 12 months... and, well. forever, actually

3 (NEW) BOTTOMS AS TOPS

Like a couple of doofuses, Tess Daly and Faye Steps got drassed in the dark and ended up wearing their joens as shirts. All of a sudden, it's the latest 'thing'. Tak, the crezy world of fashion, eh?

4 (NEW) SH PHOTO

Another funtuatio free gift from us. We've never actually heard Photo, but they must be all right if they've made a record (Don't even stay to clear your dosk - Ed)

5 (new) TIGERS

The hottest purchase at Pet Smart this year. Sisgo's just got one - It's murder round his all testime, what with ther dragon wanting feeding as well

6 (NEW) ALMOST FAMOUS

Brilliant new film about a young boy who has the time of his life working for a music magazine and hanging out with pop stars. Cool! Can we do a job like that? Oh, we do already!

7 (RE) TATTOOS

Victoria Beokham's got three stars stancilled on her burn and Kerry Kitten's had a certain cartoon bear called Winnie put on hers. That's right, she's got a Pooh in her pants!



8 (NEW) SHOPPING

January + sales + the wad of vouchers you got for Christmas = Saturdays spent apending. Now that's the sort of maths we like

9 (ц) *9MRSH* IITS TV

and when you've finished shopping, get

the bus home in time for more pop han from Tess and Dane, Sky Dne, 8pm

10 (NEW) CRAIG BIG BROTHER

The cuddly Scouser rang the office at 10.30pm to speak to our Serena. Funnily enough, she'd gone home - but she hopes he was calling to ask her out

II (RE) *DAWSON'S CREEK* Back for season four. Will Dawson and Pacay be friends again? Is bad news on its way for Jen? Will Jooy to dad forally admit he wanted a kangaroo not a daughter? (OUT) NOW! - Eq.)

2 (NEW) HIP-HOP Or Die's back with a corking new choon and Of ... er, Dusty

Barshool and his Wu-Tang Clan made a bid for the Christmas No1 with Gravel Pit. We like Wu-Tang's Raekwon The Chef best - 'dope' beats and culinary skills. And that's got to be good news for the rap (an with an appetito

ld (NEW) CD-CARDZ

Card-shaped CO-Roma containing photos. puzzios and video interviews with your lave popaters. We got sent some Westilfe ones. Woo-hoo! Technology rules!

14 (new) SWEATBANDS

it's not work doing the Walk Of Life, so map your brow with Bisie's super-absorbent wrist accessories. Alternatively, if you've got a neck like a goose, wear one as a choker

15 (NEW) BEAR IN THE BIG 8LUE HOUSE

Look what we sport our Christmas money on - the singing, dancing Toy Of The Year 2000 from Mattel, Unfortunately, Art Boy Owen got very confused and bought himself a Sare in The Big Blue House video by mistake - and you really don't want to know what that's about

16 (NEW) LEGO

We got loads of the stuff for Christmas. The Knights' Kingdom is our favourite range, but our Daniel's sulking cos our Mall knocked down his fort with his casabult

17 (8) H

Keeps his place in the chart thanks to the homemade Christmas card we got from Steps

18 (NEW) BUYING HOUSES All the all boys - except Mark, who's staying at home with his mum -

have bought themselves new pads. Lat's hope they're not hant door to Daphne and Celesto!

19 (NEW) LEFT-OVER TURKEY

Fed up with it in your sandwiches? Why not by our favourite - a lukewarm turkey milkshake? That I get you moving in the morning



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